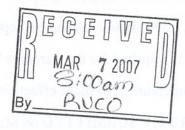
#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES BASED THEREON FOR UTILITY SERVICE BY ITS PARADISE VALLEY DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PARADISE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB.



DOCKET NO. W-01303A-05-0405

DOCKET NO. W-01303A-05-0910

# EXCEPTION OF ARIZONA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Arizona-American Water Company ("Arizona-American" or the "Company") hereby submits the following exception to the Recommended Opinion and Order included with the March 1, 2007, Staff Report:

Exception: Arizona-American has reviewed the Staff Report and the attached Recommended Opinion and Order. Arizona-American continues to support adjustment 3 in its amended application, which retired three on-site pumps (300 hp, 150 hp, and 100 hp) installed in 1995. This adjustment was arrived at following discussions with all the parties. The basis for the adjustment was that the pumps were no longer needed because of construction of the new ACRM facilities.

Even though the effect of this adjustment is to reduce the amount of the ACRM Step 1 increase, Arizona-American believes that the adjustment is appropriate now and should not await its next rate case.

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**Exception:** In the ordering paragraph of the Recommended Opinion and Order, the reference to May 31, 2008 should instead be September 30, 2008 to coincide with the date a new rate case application is required for the Paradise Valley Water District in Decision No. 68858.

A proposed amendment to these effects is attached as Exhibit A to this Exception.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** on March 5, 2007.

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24 25 SUGGESTED AMENDMENT NO. 1

Insert the word "Proposed" after "and" and before "Adjustments," so as to read:

C. Staff's Analysis and Proposed Adjustments to Company's Schedules

Delete current heading and replace with "Discussion."

Beginning on Page 7, line 12 – Delete paragraphs 20, 21, and 22.

Insert new paragraphs 20, 21, and 22 as follows:

- Staff concluded that the Company's Step-One ACRM filing for its Paradise 20. Valley Water District, as adjusted, is complete and in accordance with Decision No. 68858.
- Staff recommended that the Company file with the Commission an arsenic 21. removal surcharge tariff consistent with either ACRM Schedule CSB-4 or CSB-8 as approved by the Commission.
- We do agree with the Company and RUCO that it is appropriate to reduce the 22. actual reported cost of the arsenic treatment plant by removing the net cost of three pumps. These pumps are no longer needed as a result of constructing the arsenic treatment plant and the associated plant should no longer be included in rate base. Therefore, Arizona-American's revised schedules should be accepted as filed.

Beginning on Page 8, line 17 – Delete Conclusion of Law Paragraph 5.

**Insert new Conclusion of Law Paragraph 5:** 

The Company's revised application is reasonable and appropriate and should be 5. approved. Approval of the Company's implementation of the arsenic cost recovery mechanism

#### DOCKET NOS. WS-01303A-05-0405, W-01303A-05-0910 Arizona-American Water Company's Exception Exhibit A

1 is consistent with the Commission's authority under the Arizona Constitution, Arizona
2 ratemaking statutes, and applicable case law.

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Beginning on Page 8, line 26, through Page 9, line 3 – Delete the second and third Ordering Paragraphs.

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### Insert the following new Ordering Paragraphs:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Arizona-Americans' recommended Plan A is approved.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the revised application by Arizona-American Paradise Valley Water District for approval of an arsenic cost recovery mechanism surcharge tariff shall implement the following rates:

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	Present Rates	Surcharge	Total
Monthly Customer Charge (5/8-inch meter)	\$9.50	\$14.48	\$23.98
Commodity Charge			
Commodity Rate 0 to 25,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	\$0.7600	\$0.4425	\$1.2025
Commodity Rate 25,001 to 80,000 gallons (per 1,000	\$1.6500	\$0.4425	\$2.0925
gallons)			
Commodity Rate 80,001 gallons and over (per 1,000	\$4.3300	\$0.4425	\$4.7725
gallons)			

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- Delete "May 31, 2008" and insert "September 30, 2008" so as to read:
- 16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that Arizona-American fails to file a new rate case
- 17 application for its Paradise Valley Water District by September 30, 2008, the Arsenic Cost
  - Recovery Mechanism surcharge then in place shall be automatically discontinued.